

Amendments To the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any cancelled claims at a later date.

1-22. (canceled)

23. (previously presented) A method for generating an announcement in the form of an information output for alerting a person engaged in real-time traffic communication transmitted over a packet-oriented network wherein the announcement is also transmitted as a real-time traffic communication, the method comprising:

signaling a request for generation of the announcement, for transmission as a real-time traffic communication, to an information output system;

generating a series of fragments which can be concatenated into an announcement;

storing the fragments in a memory system;

generating a series of creation rules in accord with which the announcement is formed from the fragments, wherein the creation rules are referred by the information output system in accordance with a relevant service request and retrieved from the memory;

storing the creation rules in the memory system;

transmitting information about at least one coding method which can be used for encoding some of the fragments for the process of creating and transmitting the announcement, wherein the encoding is suitable both for output to the information output system and transmission over the packet-oriented network;

acquiring from the memory system a plurality of the fragments as information output components in a coding suitable for information output over the packet switching network;

determining a concatenation of a plurality of the fragments to form the announcement;

transmitting the plurality of fragments to the information output system and then through the packet switching network in the suitable coding for receipt of the fragments at a destination so that a user can receive the announcement in accord with the concatenation, wherein

the memory system transmits creation rules to the information output system for determination of the concatenation,

the fragments and the creation rules are stored in the information output system, and

the announcement is generated upon an information output request based on the creation rules.

24. (previously presented) The Method in accordance with claim 23, wherein fragments include an information element chosen from the group consisting of audio information, voice information and video information.

25. (previously presented) The Method in accordance with claim 23, wherein the information output is requested using a standardized signaling protocol.

26. (previously presented) The Method in accordance with claim 25, wherein subscribers in the network communicate with a signaling protocol which is MGCP or H.248/MEGACO.

27. (canceled)

28. (previously presented) The Method in accordance with claim 23, wherein the creation rules are stored in the information output system for further use.

29. (canceled)

30. (canceled)

31. (previously presented) The Method in accordance with claim 23, wherein the fragments are stored in the information output system for a limited period of time, the period of

time determined from at least one characteristic of the information output component to be stored.

32-34. (canceled)

35. (previously presented) The Method in accordance with claim 23, wherein one of the fragments is generated while the request for the information output is processed by the information output system.

36-40. (canceled)